

In the drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Figs. 1 and 2. An Annotated Sheet showing the changes is attached along with the Replacement Sheet.



REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, the drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). More specifically, the Examiner objects to the filaments as not being shown in the drawings. Accordingly, Applicant amended the specification to identify the filaments as elements 22a and 22b. Additionally, the filaments 22a and 22b are now identified in FIG. 2, and the ring 8 is identified in FIG. 1 in the Replacement Sheet enclosed herewith.

As a further preliminary matter, claim 1 stands objected to because of the term "mutually perpendicular" is considered by the Examiner as indefinite. Accordingly, Applicant amended claim 1 to delete this term, and requests withdrawal of the objection on this basis.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andrews (U.S. Patent No. 1,877,785) or Jordan (U.S. Patent No. 5,711,591). In response, Applicant amended claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 5 into claim 1, and cancelled claims 2 and 5. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot. Allowance of independent claim 1 and its respective dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jordan in view of Lash et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,086,220). This rejection is moot in view of the amendment discussed above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 3.

New claims 9-12 are added for consideration. New claim 9 includes the features of original claims 1-2, 4 and 6. Claim 10 is dependent from claim 9. Accordingly,

since claim 6 is allowable, Applicant believes new claims 9-10 are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 11 calls for, among other things, “at least two lamps each having a respective filament, and wherein said respective filaments are perpendicular to each other, so as to achieve a circular luminous emission that is generally uniform over a 360° emission field”. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references failed to disclose or suggest lamps wherein each has a filament and the filaments are perpendicular to each other.

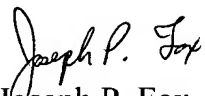
For this reason, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of new claim 11 and its dependent claim 12.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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